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**CONGRESS NOT IN SESSION.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—Congress was not in session today. Both houses had adjourned over until Friday in order to complete the organization of working committees.

**HOMESTEADS ARE OPENED.**

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary Lane announced today that he had approved in November orders of designation which have brought under the operations of the 320-acre homestead law about 950,000 acres of land in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and North Dakota.

**MRS. YOUNG, CHICAGO SCHOOL HEAD, RETIRES.**

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, who has been identified with Chicago's public schools for 53 years—the last six as superintendent—retired today. She is 71 years old. "I am going to take a rest," Mrs. Young said, "and shall not look at a newspaper for six months. After the war is over I shall go to Europe."

**Weather Forecast**

New Haven, Dec. 8.—Forecast: Cloudy with light rain tonight; Thursday fair.  
Connecticut: Unsettled weather with probable rain or snow tonight and Thursday. Increasing south winds.

The Minnesota disturbance has developed into a well defined storm area and is now central over Ontario, Canada. It is causing cloudy weather with light snow or rain in the eastern portion of the lake region and New England. The southern disturbance has caused light rain during the last 24 hours on the Gulf and south Atlantic coasts. Pleasant weather prevails in the Western districts. The temperatures are rising slowly in the central districts.

**ALMANAC FOR TODAY**

Sun rises ..... 7:06 a. m.  
Sun sets ..... 4:24 p. m.  
High water ..... 11:52 a. m.  
Moon sets ..... 6:12 p. m.  
Low water ..... 6:17 p. m.

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Every Day  
\$1.00 and \$1.25  
EACH  
Lawns, Voiles, Crepes,  
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1115 Main St.—Security Bldg.

**SILK WAISTS**  
\$1.95  
Crepe de Chine  
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Pussy Willow, Etc.  
in  
White, Flesh and  
Stripes  
Sizes 34 to 46

**A BRILLIANT SALE OF 50 SAMPLE COATS**

Women's and Misses' Sizes. Rare Bargains, at..... \$5.95 each

The assemblage comprises:—Corduroy Coats, Scotch Mixtures, Zibelines, Plaids and Plain Cloth Styles. All at..... **\$5.95 Each**

WHILE THE LOT LASTS

Colors are Brown, Navy, Black, Mixtures, etc. Sizes 16 to 18 years for Misses—36 to 42 for Women. Fur and Plush Trimmed Collars and Cuffs : : : :

1115 MAIN ST.

**SEELY'S**

Up One Flight

Take Elevator

It Pays to Shop Upstairs

**S.A.R. VOICES ITS APPRECIATION OF PREPAREDNESS NEED**

Special Committee of State Society Forwards Letter to President Wilson.

Expressing its appreciation of the need of steps for national defense, a special committee of the Sons of the American Revolution has forwarded to President Wilson, for the Connecticut society, a letter expressing the state organization's sentiments. The letter follows:

"The board of managers of the Connecticut society, Sons of the American Revolution, at a meeting held at New Haven on Nov. 24, 1915, appointed the undersigned a committee to express to the President of the United States the keen appreciation, on the part of the board, of the need of reasonable national defense.

"The spirit and wisdom of the founders of our government, directed toward the problems which confronted them at the birth of this nation, is particularly desirable in the present world crisis. Lives and property have been expended to maintain our national integrity, but who can now doubt the propriety of the cost? Even those who formerly differed on principle, are now among its most ardent champions.

"The recent experience of peaceful people has demonstrated that kindness and love cannot be relied upon alone to protect them in their rights against avarice and crime, but that some strong means are required to insure the enjoyment of those rights. We have had the priceless blessings of a beneficent government and in order to safeguard its existence we believe it is necessary that every man of

every creed and color in our citizenship should be trained to a patriotic understanding that it is his duty to be prepared to offer sacrifices, if necessary, for a continuation of those blessings. We also believe that the welfare of the whole country demands that our federal authorities and representatives make suitable preparations at this time to guard against the evils, which otherwise are sure to beset it."

**BETTER HARBOR DEFENSES ASKED IN U.S.A. REPORT**

Washington, Dec. 8.—A fixed policy in maintenance of harbor batteries under which at least four per cent of the older battery emplacements would be replaced annually, is recommended in the annual report of the chief engineers of the army, submitted to Congress with the report of the secretary of war and made public today. It is pointed out that only 10 per cent of the present harbor defense projects have been built or rebuilt since 1909.

The report declares that "it cannot be too emphatically stated that the art of fortification is a progressive one," and points out that the country's coast defense equipment has not kept pace in its development with the improvements in naval armament against which it must be matched. While no mention is made of the \$80,000,000 four year program urged by the administration for improvement of the coast defenses, the report estimates that over five million will be needed during the coming year for the necessary work on present or projected coast fortifications in continental United States and \$32,000 for those in consular possessions.

After hearing President Wilson's message, the House adjourned until Friday.

**OUR NEWTOWN NEWS LETTER**

(Special to The Farmer.)

Newtown, Dec. 8.—The monthly meeting of the Men's club will be held Dec. 21. Rev. Timothy J. Lee will be the host of the occasion, and the literary program will be in charge of Charles B. Johnson.

The wall of the porker and the smell of sausage meat are all about us. Thomas Leavy, the Walnut Tree Hill butcher, began Thanksgiving day and so far has 30 slaughters to his credit. He says the record for prime pork this year belongs in South Center, where, Monday, he butchered two 11 months' old pigs that dressed 315 and 337 pounds respectively, despite a poor corn year.

Henry Fields of Oxford is visiting W. W. Latham this week. Lauren Skidmore had his residence wired for electricity this week. The work was done by Electrician J. L. Olive of Bridgeport.

Contractor T. F. Brew has in charge the remodeling and repairs on the Gilbert residence lately purchased by John T. Keane. Arthur Beard is in charge of the mason work.

A daughter was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sullen of South Center district. D. C. Bacon has completed negotiations for the purchase of the William H. Thickett residence on Depot road, and it is expected the deeds will be passed as soon as certain legal formalities take place in the probate court this week.

In addition to caution signs on the state trunk line roads, State Supervisor W. C. Johnson under authority of the highway commissioner, is also erecting five of these signs on the Glen road, running north from the Sandy Hook bridge across the Pootatuck to the county bridge across the Housatonic river, thus assuming control of this last remaining link in the Danbury and Waterbury trunk line road. The town has already relinquished responsibility for the upkeep of the Sandy Hook bridge to the state. It is expected work on a new concrete structure to replace this bridge will begin in the spring, when it is proposed, also to make the Glen road strip a state highway.

John R. Bradley is visiting friends in Brooklyn this week. Miss Florence Whitlock of Hartford has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Robert Banks of Gas street.

Alfred Harris, manager of the Harris Wire Works, has moved into the Thomas Kelly house at the station. C. S. Blackman of Hawleyville is serving on the grand jury in the United States District Court at Hartford during the December term.

**Additional Tugs Sail to Aid Distressed Ship**

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Additional tugs were dispatched today to the assistance of the disabled steamship Minnesota in response to a radiogram received late last night by Port Captain Willis from Captain Garlick, of the Minnesota. In his message Captain Garlick stated that although the wrecked vessel's crew and the tug Dauntless sent last Friday to the aid of the crippled freighter, are standing by, more assistance is imperatively needed.

**Serb Border Towns Taken By Teutons**

Paris, Dec. 8.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following under date of Tuesday: "Telegrams from Florina (Greece) from an official source state that the village of Kenali (Serbia) near the Greek frontier has been captured by German cavalry and that the railroad station at Kenali has been occupied by several German and Bulgarian officers with eight German Cuirassiers. "Official news affirms the favorable position of the French troops on the Cerna-Krivoлак front."

**German Chancellor Calls on Emperor**

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—Despatches from Berlin state that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, has gone to confer with Emperor William at army headquarters. The purpose of his visit, it is said, is to discuss with him the details of the Chancellor's coming speech in the Reichstag. There has been such a demand for seats in the galleries of the Reichstag and the coming statement is the subject of universal speculation.

Next Sunday will be observed as "Tuberculosis Sunday" throughout New Jersey.

Lewis S. Bonney, assistant fire chief of Bayonne, N. J., was killed when his automobile collided with a wagon while he was riding to a fire.

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Brief hints that will make short work of the question that confronts most everyone just now.

Hints of practical, enduring and pleasing gifts appropriate for all members of the family.

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An intimate gift, both dainty and useful. Made of fine nainsook, cotton or crepe. Some embroidered, some lace trimmed. Many different styles. Each in separate gift box 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50. Basement

**Dressing Sacques**

For women, that will give warmth and comfort. Blanket robe sacques in floral patterns \$1.39. Flannelette dressing sacques. With and without collars. 50c. Second floor.

**Lace Blouses**

A blouse that will be welcomed by every woman as an attractive addition to her wardrobe. Of fine net or shadow lace underlined with chiffon. In flesh, white and black—Newest styles. \$2.00, \$3.25 and \$3.50. Second floor.

**Ribbons for Fancy Work**

Still time to make many attractive gifts from the many lovely ribbons that are here. Wide ribbons for bags, cases, etc. Flowered taffeta with moire stripe and flowered taffeta with narrow satin border—6 1/2 in. wide 39c yard. 6 in. flowered taffeta 25c yard.

**Children's Bathrobes**

Pink and blue bathrobes, made exactly like grown folks' bathrobes, with cord and pockets. Sizes 1 to 8 yrs. 50c, 89c and \$1.00. Basement

**For Tying Christmas Packages**

Rolls of holly ribbon. 5 yd. rolls 10c. 15 yd. spools of green or red ribbon 10c Spool

**LEATHER GOODS**

A varied collection of leather bags, purses and music cases, in styles to suit every purse.

**Children's purses**

Of real leather. Fitted with hanging mirror just like mother's. Bag ..... 50c With purse and mirror .. \$1.00

**Leather Strap Purses**

Of real leather, Moire lined. In black and many colors—50c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00

**Music Cases**

Of black seal or walrus. Easy to carry \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

**Leather Handbags**

Leather or moire lined. Fitted with purse and mirror. In black and colors. Many styles at \$1.00

**GLOVES**

Don't let the gloves be missing on Christmas morning. Everyone welcome another pair.

White washable cape gloves. Fine heavy quality that can be washed with soap and water. Back with contrasting stitching. All sizes \$1.25 pr. Washable suede gloves in white with self or contrasting stitching. Wash as easily as a silk glove. \$1.15 pr.

Kid gloves. Soft and flexible. A well fitting glove in tan, white, gray and black. \$1.00 pr. Washable suede like gloves, with 3 button wrist. All sizes in white, cream, gray, tan and navy blue. 59c pr.

**JOYS FOR THE KIDDIES**

In our Toy Department. Hundreds of enticing playthings for the child of all ages. Bring them to see the many things that are here.

The dolls—all sizes, baby dolls and "young lady" dolls. Fire engines, steamboats, trains of cars, etc. Miniature stoves to play house with. Blackboards to write on and do lessons on. And books and games in abundance to suit every fancy. Basement.

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We have an extra heavy sterling silver thimble at 50c with a number of fancy patterns at 75c. Sterling silver with gold band, \$1.00. Solid Gold Thimbles, \$3.00, \$4.25, \$4.75 to \$6.50.

**SCISSORS, SINGLY AND IN SETS**

Plain steel scissors of extra quality steel, \$2.25 to \$5.25. Set of three in case. Silver handled scissors, \$1.00 to \$2.00.

**Red Cross Meeting Gets Review of War**

Washington, Dec. 8.—The war relief measures conducted from America and descriptions of the work done by American doctors and nurses occupied important places on today's program at the annual meeting here of the American Red Cross. Former President Taft presided. Efforts of the Red Cross to relieve conditions in Mexico City and the story of the organization's aid to those left destitute by the Eastland disaster at Chicago were related. There was considerable interest in Dr. Richard P. Strong's story of the

fight against typhus in Serbia. Dr. Strong was chairman of the American Red Cross sanitary commission that stamped out the disease. President Wilson is expected to preside for a time at the afternoon session.

**OLD BELGIAN FORT GONE**

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—Fort Cognelee, one of the most important features of the old defenses of Namur, Belgium, has been completely destroyed by an explosion, according to the newspaper "Echo De Baise." The explosion is said to have caused the death of 48 German soldiers.

Farmers Want Ads. One Cent a Word

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